

RESOLUTION NO. 20080131-079

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has an interest in improving the health of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City's former municipal airport is being redeveloped under the City's auspices into the Mueller community, a 700-acre compact, walkable and sustainable urban village; and

WHEREAS, the Mueller community has been planned and designed to incorporate progressive practices for Green Building and sustainable design as well as the principles of New Urbanism, traditional neighborhood development, and transit-oriented development, all of which promote better health for the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mueller community includes 140 acres of public open space and a network of trails, other pedestrian and bicycle facilities and recreational opportunities, such as parks, lakes, pools and sports courts throughout the development which promote healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, the Mueller community is becoming the home to a cluster of health care organizations, facilities and institutions which adds to its potential for being a hub of healthy activity for the surrounding communities; and

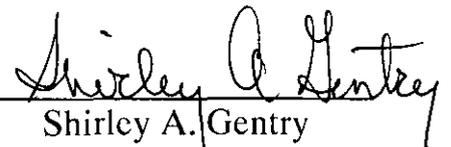
WHEREAS, the expertise of these organizations to create a healthy community initiative that will be data driven and can be replicated nationwide should be capitalized upon; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager is hereby directed to develop a Healthy Community Initiative plan for the Mueller redevelopment in partnership with stakeholders, including the site's developers, health entities at the site, and the Mueller Plan Implementation Advisory Commission. This plan should include a budget for implementation. The initiative should focus on encouraging healthy behaviors by the Mueller community, and should also include ways to measure those healthy behaviors and health outcomes. This initiative should result in a plan for a Healthy Communities designation which can be earned by other communities within the City of Austin.

ADOPTED: January 31, 2008

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk